

Summary of the Board of Education Meeting September 22, 2011

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition of Governor Robert F. McDonnell

Recognition of Secretary of Education Laura Fornash

Remarks by Secretary Fornash

Remarks by Governor McDonnell

Approval of Minutes of the July 28, 2011, Meeting of the Board

Public Comment

- Sheila Bailey, president of the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education (VCASE), discussed proposed timeline changes for submission of alternative-SOL assessments for certain special education students.
- Tom Smith, legislative liaison for the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS), discussed proposed timeline changes for submission of alternative-SOL assessments for certain special education students
- Dan Zacharias, executive director, Old Dominion Association of Church Schools (ODACS), discussed latest Race to the Top funding opportunities.
- Crystal Shin, attorney with JustChildren, discussed school-climate issues.
- Tom Sones, advocacy chair with the Foreign Language Association of Virginia (FLAVA), discussed graduation requirements related to foreign-language studies.
- Alvenia LeBoeuf, instructional specialist with Virginia Beach Public Schools, introduced the following teachers who discussed proposed timeline changes for submission of alternative-SOL assessments for certain special education students:
 - Elizabeth Jones, special education teacher at Pembroke Elementary School in Virginia Beach
 - Linda Riley, special education teacher at Birdneck Elementary School
- David Anderson, representative for the Association of American Publishers, discussed textbook adoption.

Consent Agenda, Action & Discussion Items

Item	Action
Final review of proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2012 calendar year	The board adopted the proposed 2012 meeting schedule dates.
Final review of the proposed Elementary School Gun Safety Guidelines and Curriculum	The board approved the gun safety guidelines and curriculum.
First review of the proposed repeal of the Regulations Governing the Approval of Correspondence Courses for Home Instruction (8 VAC 20-60)	The board accepted for first review the repeal of the Regulations Governing the Approval of Correspondence Courses for Home Instruction. The timetable for further action will be governed by the requirements of the Administrative Process Act (APA).
First review of proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing Driver Education (8 VAC 20-340)	The board accepted the proposed amendments to the driver education regulations for first review. The timetable for further action will be governed by APA requirements.
Final review of a request for approval of a modification of graduation requirements, pursuant to 8 VAC 20-131-50 of the Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia, from Montgomery County Public Schools	The board approved Montgomery County Public Schools' request to require one standard credit in fine or performing arts and one standard credit in career and technical education to earn a Standard, Standard Technical, Advanced Studies, Advanced Technical, or Modified Standard Diploma. The board also directed VDOE staff to notify Montgomery County's superintendent of the decision.
Final review of history and social science textbooks published by Five Ponds Press	The board approved the 2011 editions of two history and social science textbooks published by Five Ponds Press, Our Virginia: Past and Present and Our America to 1865. The board also directed VDOE staff to add the books to the list of approved textbooks on the VDOE website in accordance with Section 22.1-238 of the Code of Virginia.

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Final review of proposed Guidelines for Local Textbook Approval	The board approved the proposed guidelines for local textbook adoption and directed VDOE staff to post them to the VDOE website.
Final review of requests for approval of alternative accreditation plans from Bland County Public Schools, Colonial Beach Public Schools, Craig County Public Schools, Danville Public Schools, Dickenson County Public Schools, Highland County Public Schools, Richmond Public Schools, Scott County Public Schools and York County Public Schools for high schools with a graduation cohort of 50 students or fewer	The board approved the alternative accreditation plans from the nine school divisions as presented for the accreditation cycles beginning in 2011 through 2013.
Final review of a request for approval of an alternative accreditation plan from Chesterfield County Public Schools for Chesterfield Community High School	The board approved Chesterfield County's request for an alternative accreditation plan for Chesterfield Community High School for accreditation cycles beginning in 2011 through 2013.
First review of requests for ratings of conditionally accredited from Norfolk School Board and Northampton County School Board	The board accepted for first review the request for ratings of conditionally accredited for Lindenwood Elementary School from the Norfolk School Board and Kiptopeke Elementary School from the Northampton County School Board. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the October 27 meeting.
First review of request for rating of conditionally accredited from Norfolk Public Schools for Lafayette-Winona Middle School	The board accepted for first review Norfolk School Board's request for a rating of conditionally accredited for Lafayette-Winona Middle School. The board is expected to consider this for final action at the October 27 meeting following a review of supporting data submitted by Norfolk Public Schools.

Reports

- Report on the proposed standard-setting timeline for the new mathematics tests scheduled for implementation in 2011-2012
- Report on potential U.S. Department of Education waivers from certain requirements of the No Child Left behind Act of 2001

Discussion of Current Issues by Board of Education Members and Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Board member Rob Krupicka discussed the board's looking at ways for schools to increase instructional time to benefit student achievement.

Adjournment

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